

Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, focusing on access to outpatient prescription drug coverage under Medicare Part D, after receiving testimony from Leslie Norwalk, Deputy Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and Joseph R. Antos, American Enterprise Institute, Jagadeesh Gokhale, Cato Institute, and Marilyn Moon, American Institutes for Research, all of Washington, D.C.

DISPLACED SCHOOL CHILDREN

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Education and Early Childhood Development concluded a hearing to examine Federal and State efforts to meet the educational needs of students and families displaced by Hurricane Katrina, after receiving testimony from Senators Lott and Landrieu; Henry L. Johnson, Assistant Secretary of Education for Elementary and Secondary Education; Rodney R. Lafon, St. Charles Parish Public School District, Luling, Louisiana; Sister M. Michaeline Green, Louisiana Department of Education, Baton Rouge; Michael Stein Margolin Hebrew Academy, Memphis, Tennessee; Daryl Gates, Caddo Public School District, Shreveport, Louisiana.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of John G. Roberts, Jr., of Maryland, to be Chief Justice of the United States.

KATRINA VS. SMALL BUSINESS

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the impact of Hurricane Katrina on small businesses and the efforts of the Small Business Administration to provide relief to the victims, after receiving testimony from Hector V. Barreto, Administrator, and Herbert

L. Mitchell, Associate Administrator, Office of Disaster Assistance, both of the U.S. Small Business Administration; John Rowland, Southern Hospitality Catering, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business, and Woodrow J. Wilson, Jr., Gulf South Animated Motion Technologies, Inc., both of New Orleans, Louisiana; Alta Baker, Safe Haven Enterprises, Jennings, Louisiana, on behalf of Women Impacting Public Policy; Mary Lynn Wilkerson, Louisiana Small Business Development Centers, Monroe; Richard Harris, Harris Homes, Ocean Springs, Mississippi; Timothy Swindall, SWR Inc., Troy, Alabama; and Michele Sutton, Fairway Ventures, Hammond, Louisiana.

NATIONAL MILITARY CEMETERIES

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Department of Veterans' Affairs implementation of the capital crime prohibition statute, intended to prohibit certain capital offenders from internment or memorialization in Arlington National Cemetery, after receiving testimony from Senator Mikulski; Richard A. Wannemacher, Jr., Acting Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs; Thurman M. Higginbotham, Deputy Superintendent, Arlington National Cemetery; Dennis M. Cullinan, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Washington, D.C., on behalf of sundry veterans' organizations; and Vernon G. Davis, Hagerstown, Maryland.

INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill authorizing funds for fiscal year 2006 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 36 public bills, H.R. 3857–3892; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 249; and H. Res. 458–459 were introduced. **Pages H8340–41**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H8341–43**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
H.R. 513, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to clarify when organizations described in section 527 of the Internal Revenue Code

of 1986 must register as political committees (Rept. 109–181, Pt. 2);

H. Res. 420, to direct the Attorney General to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the possession of the Attorney General relating to the disclosure of the identity and employment of Ms. Valerie Plame, adversely (Rept. 109–230);

H.R. 609, to amend and extend the Higher Education Act of 1965, with an amendment (Rept. 109–231);

H.R. 2830, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules, with an amendment (Rept. 109–232, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3402, to authorize appropriations for the Department of Justice for fiscal years 2006 through 2009, with an amendment (Rept. 109–233); and

H. Res. 417, to direct the Secretary of Defense to transmit to the House of Representatives not later than 14 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution documents in the possession of the Secretary of Defense relating to the disclosure of the identity and employment of Ms. Valerie Plame, adversely (Rept. 109–234). **Page H8340**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Anthony Marciano, Executive Director, Charlotte Rescue Mission, Charlotte, North Carolina. **Page H8251**

Journal: Agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a yea-and-nay vote of 346 yeas to 59 nays with one voting "present", Roll No. 487.

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School Readiness Act of 2005: H.R. 2123, to reauthorize the Head Start Act to improve the school readiness of disadvantaged children (by a recorded vote of 231 ayes to 184 noes, Roll No. 493).

Pages H8253–63, H8264–H8324

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill is considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read.

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Agreed to:

Castle Manager's amendment (no. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–229) that revises the financial audit language in Section 17 to ensure that financial audit requirements for Head Start programs are consistent with those required under the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1986, and a number of technical and conforming changes; **Pages H8299–H8301**

DeLauro amendment (no. 3 printed in H. Rept. 109–229) which allows Head Start centers to develop or maintain partnerships with institutions of higher education and non-profit organizations to support college students that serve as mentors and reading coaches to preschool children; **Pages H8304–05**

Kind amendment (no. 6 printed in H. Rept. 109–229) that suspends further implementation of the National Reporting System while the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) conducts a review and provides guidance on appropriate child outcomes and assessments for young children, as authorized in H.R. 2123; **Pages H8307–08**

Mica amendment (no. 7 printed in H. Rept. 109–229) that directs the Secretary of HHS to undergo a management reform initiative. Requires

HHS to utilize an outside management consulting firm to recommend and support the implementation of internal reforms to improve the Head Start Bureau's operational effectiveness; **Pages H8308–10**

Filner amendment (no. 8 printed in H. Rept. 109–229) which initiates a study to assess the impact of new Head Start teacher qualification and development regulations upon teacher retention; **Pages H8310–11**

Millender-McDonald amendment (no. 9 printed in H. Rept. 109–229) which encourages Head Start grantees to reduce barriers by directing them to increase their outreach to homeless and foster children. It also encourages coordination between Head Start grantees and community service providers and homeless and foster children; **Pages H8311–12**

Woolsey amendment (no. 11 printed in H. Rept. 109–229) that directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services to assist Head Start programs in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina. Requires the Secretary to provide additional technical assistance, guidance, and resources to Head Start agencies in affected areas, waives documentation requirements for six months, and provides the Secretary with waiver authority to exempt programs from providing their local match; **Pages H8313–14**

Stearns amendment (no. 4 printed in H. Rept. 109–229) which includes in section 18 "Children with Disabilities," in the list of areas for training to be provided by the Secretary of Education, (by a recorded vote of 411 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 489); **Pages H8305–06, H8321**

Davis of Illinois amendment (no. 5 printed in H. Rept. 109–229) that directs the Secretary to implement an outreach program to train and recruit African-American and Latino-American men to become Head Start teachers in order to increase the provision of quality services and instructions to children with diverse backgrounds, (by a recorded vote of 401 ayes to 14 noes, Roll No. 490); and **Pages H8306–07, H8321–22**

Boehner amendment (no. 12 printed in H. Rept. 109–229) that provides hiring protections for faith-based Head Start providers, (by a recorded vote of 220 ayes to 196 noes, Roll No. 492).

Pages H8314–20, H8323

Rejected:

Souder amendment (no. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–229) that sought to restore the current joint governance structure of the Head Start program by allowing the policy councils to approve or disapprove most program planning and operation activities along with the board of directors, (by a recorded vote of 153 ayes to 266 noes, Roll No. 488); and **Pages H8301–04, H8320–21**

Musgrave amendment (no. 10 printed in H. Rept. 109–229) which sought to allow for profit providers of Head Start services to take profit from 15% administrative account, (by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 491). **Pages H8312–13, H8322**

The amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, was adopted. **Page H8323**

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H8324**

H. Res. 455, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a ye-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 486, after agreeing to order the previous question by voice vote.

Pages H8253–63

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, September 26, and when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 27, 2005, for Morning Hour debate. **Page H8326**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, September 28. **Page H8326**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8251.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two ye-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8262–63, H8263–64, H8320–21, H8321, H8321–22, H8322, H8323, H8323–24. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The house met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THREATS IN EURASIA

Committee on Armed Services: Threat Panel held a hearing on threats in Eurasia. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

KATRINA/CONSUMER PROTECTION ISSUES

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled “The Commerce and Consumer Protection Implications of Hurricane Katrina.” Testimony was heard from John Seesel, Associate General Counsel, Energy, FTC; Keith Hall, Chief Economist, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

KATRINA/HEALTHCARE DELIVERY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing entitled “Assessing Public Health and the Delivery of Care in the Wake of Katrina.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services; Julie Gerberding, M.D., Director, Center for Disease Control and Prevention; and Stewart Simonson, Assistant Secretary, Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL SERVICES REGULATORY RELIEF ACT OF 2005

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on H.R. 3505, Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Mark W. Olson, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Julie L. Williams, First Senior Deputy Comptroller and Chief Counsel; and John E. Bowman, Chief Counsel, Office of Thrift Supervision; William F. Kroener, III, General Counsel, FDIC; Robert M. Fenner, General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration; and public witnesses.

NUCLEAR MATERIALS MOVEMENT

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack held a hearing entitled “Trends in Illicit Movement of Nuclear Materials.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INTERNET—POLITICAL SPEECH—SHOULD IT BE REGULATED

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing entitled “Political Speech on the Internet: Should it be Regulated?” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FEC: Scott Thomas, Chairman; Michael Toner, Vice Chairman; and Ellen Weintraub, Commissioner; the following former officials of the FEC: Bradley A. Smith, Chairman; and Karl Sandstrom, Commissioner; and public witnesses.

U.S.-AFGHANISTAN POLICY

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing entitled “United States Policy in Afghanistan: Establishing Democratic Governance and Security in the Wake of Parliamentary Elections.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Maureen E. Quinn, Coordinator for Afghanistan, Bureau of South Asian Affairs; and Nancy J. Powell, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; and Peter Rodman, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs, Department of Defense.

KELO DECISION/PRIVATE PROPERTY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held an oversight hearing entitled “The Supreme Court’s *Kelo* Decision and Potential Congressional Responses.” Testimony was heard from Bart Peterson, Mayor, City of Indianapolis, Indiana; and public witnesses.

UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES—REDUCING PEER-TO-PEER PIRACY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held an oversight hearing entitled “Reducing Peer-To-Peer Piracy (P2P) on University Campuses: A Progress Update.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.